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For: A METHOD OF DETERMINING TUMOR CHARACTERISTICS BY  
DETERMINING ABNORMAL COPY NUMBER OR EXPRESSION LEVEL OF LIPID-  
ASSOCIATED GENES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the specification of  
the above-identified application as follows: